Copy of two Holograph Letters under the deceaſt Viſcount of Stormonts *Hand, which (beſides ſeveral others) prove, that the Rights acquired by the ſaid Viſcount on the Eſtate of* Annandale Murray, *were in Truſt for the behove of Sir* Robert Murray *alias* Creichton,

Sir, *London, June* 19. 1666.

MY Brother *William* can inform you, That I have preſent uſe for ſome Papers of the Earl of *Annandals*, (which are in the Lady *Carlips* poſſeſſion) and hitherto I would not ſuffer thoſe I intruſted to ſearch theſe papers, unleſs you were preſent; And therefore I ſhall moſt earneſtly intreat, you may be pleaſed to favour me ſo much, as to throw away one Hour with my Brother *William* and Mr. *Allan*, for making ſearch of theſe papers, which I ſhall acknowledge a moſt ſingular Obligation, and ſhall endeavour a Requital: By my Brother *John*, (who came here Yeſternight) I had a very ſatisfactory Letter from Sir *Robert Murray*, who expreſſeth a great deal of Readineſs and Dutifulneſs to ſign that Ratification, (which he ſent to you in order to your Advice) I did indeed declare to him my Reſolutions of not moving in his Commiſſions, until that be done; And therefore I hope Sir *Robert Sinclair* and you will return it me back with their Advice to him for ſigning of it, which is neither Illative to me of a greater Right, nor prejudicial to himſelf: Beſides, I wiſh he would ſatisfie the Sums I really payed for theſe Appryſings, which I purchaſed at his Deſire, and I ſhould moſt cheerfully ſtate him in my Condition: I do preſs ſolely upon Sir *Roberts* Account, as retarding his Buſineſs, and beſides I am loath to appear to undo that Structure, which I have been (not without Succeſs) endeavouring to rear up; My Brother *William* will acquaint you with an Addition which I deſired to be made to it; I did never ſtate a Difference betwixt Sir *Roberts* Intereſt and my own, and I hope both Sir *Robert Sinclair* and you will acknowledge the ſame, you being eye Witneſs of my Carriage this laſt Winter, when *Brouchtons* Remiſſion was preſented in Exchequer; I ſhall leave all to your Conſideration, and ſhall ſay no more, but that I am,

Directed on the Back,
For
Mr. *Robert Dickſon* Advocate. Theſe.

Sir, *Your moſt Affectionat Friend to ſerve you,*
Sic Subſcribitur, Stormet

Sir, *London, September* 25. 1666.

YEſternight I received yours, dated which is all I have had from you ſince my Brother *John* came here; And tho I ſhall not offer any more to preſs you to ſign that Ratification I ſent you, leaving it Arbitrary to your ſelf, to do or not do as you ſhall think fitteſt, yet (beſides that) it ſeems you abſolutely diſtruſt me, (which I wiſh you had expreſt ſooner) I ſhall, I ſuppoſe, ſatisfie theſe Reaſons you adduce, which ſeem not to me to have that weight you lay upon them; For, in the Contract of Wadſet paſt betwixt us, you have therein ratified Sir *George Monats* Appryſing, both as it ſtands, and as to its preference, which enervats that Hundred Thouſand Pounds Bond as to that: And all I now deſire is, ye do the like as to the reſt of the Appryſings I purchaſt; And tho his be included in that paper, yet the Letter of Reverſion I granted will free you from importing double payment of one and the ſame Sum; And, in that very Contract, you'll find the Warrandice the very ſame which is in the paper I ſent you; *Sir*, I muſt tell you freely, that it ſeems you are now Jealous of this which is meerly deſigned for my own Safety, being ingaged in a Buſineſs full of Intricacies, to which you gave the firſt Riſe; For (beſides that it was your Deſire, as I can make appear by your Letters) I was conſtrained to purchaſe theſe Appryſings, for defending the Wadſet I had from you, which, if pulled from me, would have imported a conſiderable prejudice upon your ſelf, and yet *Pitſcoties* are inſiſting againſt me; I ſhall not offer to relat to you what, beſides all this, you owe me, as notour to your ſelf, and I preſume you will not ſay, that I ever declined any thing conducive to your Intereſt; And I ever deſigned, that my Brother *John* ſhould have proſecute the Sute upon my Charges, (which is conſiderable, I preſume, the property being yours) but ſeing you are not pleaſed to do it, I ſhall not offer to create you any more Trouble upon this, only I am ſorry you force me to that which I never deſigned: I intend (God willing) this next Week for *Scotland*, & yet to demonſtrate to the World my unwillingneſs to relinquiſh you, if you ſhall be pleaſed to ſend over to my Brother *John* that paper ſigned as I ſent it you, he ſhall wait upon you for proſecuting of our Intereſt, otherways you will be pleaſed to pardon me for taking another Courſe; And beſides, I do ingenuouſly declare to you, I never did nor does deſign any thing to your prejudice, and I wiſh you meet with as little from others, in whom you ſeem to repoſe a greater Truſt. I am,

Directed on the Back,
For
Sir *Robert Murray* of *Cockpool*. Theſe.

Sir, *Your moſt obliged Couſin and Servant,*
Sic Subſcribitur, Stormet